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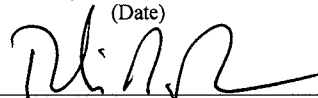
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

The present amendment and remarks are in response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2008. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper. A "Replacement Sheet" for each sheet of drawings being amended can be found in the Appendix.

Summary of Interview begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.